

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know the reason for fixing the period of abeyance originally at two years and then for continuing it indefinitely?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government wanted to see how the new arrangement will work for two years in the first instance.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has it been found in the course of the two years that it has been satisfactorily working?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then why was not the post abolished?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The question has not been taken up.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): When is it to be taken up?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, it is a question of future action of Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Why was it that the period of abeyance was indefinitely prolonged?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It was not indefinitely extended, but the present arrangements are being continued.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): So, there is no idea of the definite period for which this state of affairs is to continue?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

The Manager of the Police Commissioner's Office.

140. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state what is the official status of the Manager of the Police Commissioner's Office?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): First Grade Inspector of Police.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether all the correspondence from the A. S. P's. and D. S. P's. must pass through the Manager to the Police Commissioner so that it may reach the Commissioner of Police?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): It goes to the Commissioner first.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know who checks the work of these D. S. P's. and A. S. P's. when the reports come to the office of the Commissioner of Police?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): The Commissioner of Police himself.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is it not better that the status of the Manager is raised to that of either the D. S. P. or the A. S. P.?

PRESIDENT: That is a suggestion.

Report of the Debt Redemption Committee.

141. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have considered the recommendations contained in the Debt Redemption Committee Report; and

(b) whether they would afford to this House an opportunity for discussing the same?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) and (b) It will be considered after the discussion on the Report by the Legislature before which it has been placed.

Road from Punnammood to the Vellayani temple.

142. ***MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): With reference to the answer to question No. 74 of the Fifth Session of this House, will the Government be pleased to state the further progress made with regard to the opening of the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The Chief Engineer has been asked to send up an estimate for the work and to obtain written statements from the interested people agreeing to surrender the required land free of compensation and also to ascertain whether the people are willing to do the necessary earth-work either themselves or at their cost.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know, Sir, excluding the price for land and the cost of labour, what will be the nature of the expenditure that Government have to incur in opening this road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, buildings and Irrigation*): Government will have to incur very much. The road has to be metalled and that is an expensive item.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer has taken any pain to ascertain whether the people are willing to surrender land without any compensation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

The Willingdon Water Works.

143. ***MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of maintenance per annum to be incurred for the Water Works in the town of Trivandrum;

(b) whether the whole cost is to be met by the Trivandrum Municipality; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, the percentage of taxation to be imposed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) Rs. 91,442 for the current year.

(b) For the present, the whole cost is to be met by the Municipality.

(c) Considering that a rate of 3 per cent. would not be sufficient to meet the whole cost, Government suggested to the Municipality to levy a water-tax of 5 per cent. on the annual rental value of the building within the town, but the Municipality decided to levy only a tax of 3 per cent. and this has been done on the responsibility of the Municipality.